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LETTER DATED 11 DECEMBER 1998 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 20 November 1998 (S/1998/1156) concerning the United Nations Political Office in Bougainville (UNPOB) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council.

Following the briefing to the Council on 9 December by the Director of the Asia and Pacific Division of the Department of Political Affairs, members of the Council agree with your proposal to extend the mandate of UNPOB until December 1999, subject to a review by the Council of the situation in Bougainville and UNPOB activities there in June 1999. Members of the Council welcome your decision to appoint Noel Sinclair to head the Office. The Council also takes note of your intention to brief them, on a quarterly basis, on progress achieved in the implementation of the objectives set forth in the Lincoln Agreement of January 1998 and the Arawa Agreement of 30 April 1998, and requests you, as part of the first of those briefings, to provide details of the UNPOB programme of work for 1999 in relation to the peace process in Bougainville.

(Signed) Jassim Mohammed BUALLAY
President of the Security Council

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